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SUBJECT: LA MANANA REMINDER ON ANFINSEN NATIONAL ACADEMY OF
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1. PRO-GOVERNMENT LA MANANA, FEBRUARY 20, PUBLISHED A REHASH OF OLD NEWS ABOUT THE UPCOMING MARCH VISIT OF DR. AFINSEN OF THE NAS AND THE DECEMBER 1977 VISIT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURISTS GROUP ASSOCIATING IT WITH THE IAHRC REPORT ON URUGUAY PREPARED BY ROBERT GOLDMAN. INTERESTINGLY, THIS OBVIOUS RE-WRITE WAS CARRIED IN THE MIDDLE OF ITS EDITORIAL PAGE UNDER A SIXCOLUMN HEADING, "ANOTHER AMERICAN TO ARRIVE IN MARCH TO INQUIRE ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS." THE REPORT WAS COUCHED IN STRAIGHT-FORWARD TERMS, HOWEVER, NOTING THAT IN "CONTINUING ITS OPEN-DOOR POLICY FOR ALL VISITORS WHO DESIRE TO KNOW THE REALITY, NEXT MARCH OUR COUNTRY WILL RECEIVE ANOTHER FOREIGNER WHO IS COMING TO INQUIRE ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY..." THE PAPER ADDS THAT "THE CONTINUAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE VISITS OF DELEGATIONS WHICH HAVE ARRIVED IN OUR COUNTRY, AND THE COLLABORATION THEY HAVE HAD FROM OUR AUTHORITIES, IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE INTENTIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENT, IN THE SENSE THAT THE SITUATION THE COUNTRY IS LIVING CAN BE KNOWN INTERNATIONALLY, TO COUNTER THE MALICIOUS NEWS WHICH IN RECENT MONTHS HAS ATTEMPTED TO DETRACT FROM AND

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